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# Centenary celebration of Lalitha Mahal Palace in Nov.

## Details to be finalised at Jan. 6 Board Meeting of Jungle Lodges and Resorts that runs the Heritage Hotel

Mysuru, Jan.4 (MTY&DM)- With the city's iconic Lalitha Mahal Palace completing 100 years this year, the centenary celebrations of the Palace, which was converted into a heritage Hotel in the 1970s, will be celebrated in November 2021.

Announcing this at a press meet at Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel this morning, M. Appanna, Chairman of State-owned Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), which is managing the Hotel after it was transferred to Government of Karnataka in 2018, said that it has been decided to organise the centenary celebrations in a befitting manner.

Tracing its history, Appanna said the Palace was built in 1921 (foundation laid on Nov.18, 1921) by the then Mysore Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV for the exclusive stay of the then British Viceroy of India and subsequently as a Guest House for European Guests of Maharajas.

Pointing out that the elegant Palace painted in pure white, has a total area of 81 acres, including 51 acres and 15 guntas donated by the Maharajas, he said that the Palace was built by Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1921, when it then cost Rs.13 lakh.

Noting that Lalitha Mahal Palace, which is fashioned on the lines of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, was converted into a heritage Hotel in 1974 when D. Devaraj Urs was the Chief Minister, he said it was run as a part of Ashok Group of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) under the Government of India until 2018 when it was transferred to Government of Karnataka.

Returning to centenary celebrations, Appanna said that the JLR Board will be meeting at the Palace Hotel on Jan.6 when the details regarding the dates and schedule of programmes will be discussed and finalised.

He further said that members of the erstwhile Mysore Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will be feted by the Chief Minister during the centenary celebrations.

Highlighting the facilities and services at the Hotel under JLR, Appanna said that a spa, restaurant, buggy ride (chariot) and earth shop (souvenir shop) have been started recently.

Pointing out that the Hotel has 54 rooms, with a swimming pool and a Banquet Hall, he said that the Hotel will be let on rent for film shoots, photo shoots and weddings.

"The JLR has evolved plans for making the Hotel affordable even to common man. As per the plan, the buffet price has been fixed at Rs.750, which is far lesser when compared to other Hotels of this standard. At the same times, measures have been taken to ensure quality and quantity and there will be no compromise on this. The Hotel is considering to provide *naatikoli* (chicken) dish with ragi balls in the coming days," he said.

**The Palace Hotel will be let on rent for film shoots, photo shoots and weddings**

JLR Deputy General Manager Yuvaraj, the Chairman's Personal Secretary Madhusudhan and other officials were present.

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### After adopting 10 Govt. Schools

# UoM adopts six villages

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (RK&BCT)- Contributing its mite to 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan', the Centre's village development programme, the University of Mysore (UoM) has adopted six villages in Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar District.

Speaking to reporters at Crawford Hall in city this morning, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said, "We have adopted six villages coming under six Gram Panchayats in Hanur taluk and the University will strive for the overall development of these villages.

The programme aims to involve reputed higher educational institutions in the process of indigenous development of self-sufficient and sustainable village clusters.

(See UoM on page 7)

*University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar is seen addressing the media in city this morning as Registrar (Administration) Dr. R. Shivappa looks on.*

**STAR PUNCH** By Satish Acharya

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 4th January 2021


## Pandal owners demand inclusion of industry under SME

Mysuru, Jan.4 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that pandal owners are in dire straits due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors, the Mysuru District Pandal Owners Association has urged the Government to bring pandal industry under the Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) sector.

Speaking at the Association's calendar release programme organised at Pathrakartara Bhavan here recently, Association Secretary Wasim Akram said that pandal owners who earned a living by lending Pandals, Shamianas, tables, chairs and such other articles on rent to organisers of functions, programmes, ceremonies etc., are now facing a crisis due to loss of business following the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent nationwide lockdown. Maintaining that pandal business is facing a deep crisis, he said that several pandal owners have decided to shut shop due to huge losses on account of lack of business.

Asserting that the pandal industry needed a financial package like all other sectors, Akram urged the Government to bring pandal industry under SME sector for the revival of the industry, which is fighting for survival.

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar, who spoke after releasing the calendar, said that pandal industry has run into trouble following the COVID-19 induced nationwide lockdown and the Government must come to the aid of pandal owners in this critical period.

Association Vice-President M.P. Shivakumar, office-bearers Lingappa, A.Taj Mohammad, S. Vegananda, Nagaraj, Mohammad Mansur and others were present at the press meet.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

*Executing the vaccine rollout is the next critical task at hand. Task forces have been activated down to the block Panchayat level and last week's national dry run simulating the vaccination drive will help gauge the weak links. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan likened the dry run to Lok Sabha election preparations, which are just as elaborate. The cold chain infrastructure, the digital architecture comprising SMS alerts to vaccine recipients and the adverse event reporting centres have to be particularly robust.*

*The vaccine approval also implies that the vaccine trials in Phase 3 must continue to collect data and strive to secure regular use authorisation, which will further bolster their credibility. Monitoring inoculated persons will be a massive logistical challenge but is key to overcoming disinformation. Even as vaccination is akin to going on the offensive to tame the novel Coronavirus, it doesn't mean that individuals can eschew safety precautions and start celebrating. Unless society reaches high seroprevalence of antibodies that induce herd immunity, masking and other physical distancing precautions must continue. Nevertheless, after months of feeling besieged this is a moment to heave a big sigh of relief.*

*— In The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Farmer turns container truck into makeshift home

New Delhi: A Jalandhar-based farmer, who has been protesting at the Singhu border against the three agriculture laws has turned a container truck into a fully equipped temporary home. Harpreet Singh Mattu's temporary accommodation has all basic amenities like a sofa, bed, TV and even a functional toilet along with mobile charging points.

He said his friends helped him in making his makeshift home, which took one and half days to complete. Mattu has also opened Gurdwara Sahib Riverside California Langar Sewa at Singhu border protest site which serves tea, snacks and food for the passer-by and farmers, claiming that his Langar Seva witnesses a footfall of more than 10,000 people each day.

### Man goes viral for clearing snow with flamethrower

Kentucky: A Kentucky man has gone viral on social media for his unconventional idea of clearing the snow in his driveway using a flamethrower. Timothy Browning stunned fans after a relative filmed him standing in his driveway wearing nothing but a white bathrobe, socks, slippers and a hat, recreating Cousin Eddie from the iconic holiday movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

In the nearly 30-second clip, Browning chugs a beer and throws it on the ground as he casually watches the giant flames in front of him melt away the flakes. Browning's alternative to shoveling was also caught on camera by an onlooker named Jordan Podunavac and tweeted which was been viewed over 1,20,000 times.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Holding urine for long periods can cause Urinary Tract Infection, hence frequent emptying of the bladder is highly recommended

*By Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology*

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 43 |
| Total positive cases | : | 52,541 |
| Discharges yesterday | : | 67 |
| Total discharges | : | 51,161 |
| Deaths yesterday | : | 2 |
| Total deaths | : | 1,017 |
| Total active cases | : | 363 |

### Mandya

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Positive cases yesterday | : | 11 |
| Total positive cases | : | 19,471 |
| Total discharges | : | 19,185 |
| Total deaths | : | 147 |
| Total active cases | : | 139 |

### Chamarajanagar

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| Positive cases yesterday | : | 9 |
| Total positive cases | : | 6,810 |
| Total discharges | : | 6,603 |
| Total deaths | : | 119 |
| Total active cases | : | 77 |

### Kodagu

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| Positive cases yesterday | : | 14 |
| Total positive cases | : | 5,775 |
| Total discharges | : | 5,593 |
| Total deaths | : | 71 |
| Total active cases | : | 111 |

### Hassan

| | | |
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| Positive cases yesterday | : | 18 |
| Total positive cases | : | 28,051 |
| Total discharges | : | 27,475 |
| Total deaths | : | 393 |
| Total active cases | : | 183 |

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Opening the book in the class, the teacher asked, 'So, where were we?'***

***Student:*** *In this class, Sir.*

***Teacher:*** *Which is your native place?*

***Rahul:*** *Maharashtra m'aam.*

***Teacher:*** *Can you spell it?*

***Rahul:*** *Actually, my native place is Goa !!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 73.00 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 99.83 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 19.87 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 89.40 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# Cleansing Kapila: Take stringent action against river polluters

File photo

Sir,

This has reference to the news item ***"Yuva Brigade volunteers clean Kapila bathing ghat in Nanjangud"*** *(SOM* dated Dec.26) and subsequent comments.

While appreciating the efforts made by green enthusiasts Yuva Brigade, the question that remains unanswered is why our God-fearing bhaktas do not change their attitude and behaviour towards keeping our rivers clean?

Here is a file photo of a similar Kapila cleansing effort by members of Hunsur's ***Save Our Earth Club*** way back on 23.3.2012 when 50 volunteers from Hunsur, joined by about 55 volunteers from Mysuru and 100s of volunteers from Nanjangud gathered at the Bathing Ghat of Kapila, got down to river, removed more than 12 tractor loads of extraneous materials that were rotting and stinking at the bottom of the holy river.

Watching efforts by rank outsiders, the localites led by Taluk Panchayat President with other members, municipal employees, members of Rotary and a large number of citizens got down to Kapila and helped us remove as much of waste as possible. President and members of coracles voluntarily offered their services in carrying the muck and helped in loading on to tractors offered by local owners of tractors.

Even after so many years the sad state of affairs of polluting our holy rivers continue unabated. It is unfortunate that unless otherwise people change their attitude and behaviour towards keeping our river and water bodies clean and stop polluting them, any number of volunteerism would be futile. But volunteerism must go on.

Temple authorities may be doing their best but compared with the record collection of offerings by bhaktas in hundis, money being spent in enforcement of laws/rules relating to pollution of water bodies cannot be said to be the best. Will the authorities concerned take stringent action against such polluters?

**—Vasanthkumar Mysoremath**
**Environmental Advisor,**
**Save Our Earth Club**
Hunsur 28.12.2020

# Shops with 10 plus workers can open 24x7 but with riders

## Maximum safety ensured for women employees

Bengaluru, Jan.4 (SSV)- With a view to accelerate economic growth that had been hit by COVID-19 since March 2020, the State Government has permitted all shops and commercial establishments across the State employing ten or more people to be open on 24x7 basis on all days for a period of three years but with some conditions.

This decision is also aimed at creating job opportunities due to indiscriminate firing of thousands of employees by several companies citing sluggish growth because of pandemic.

According to a press release from Labour Department, the employer had to appoint additional staff in order to allow every employee to avail one day holiday in a week on rotation basis, and the details of every employee should be exhibited at a conspicuous place in the shop or commercial establishment.

• Employer should not require or allow any person employed to work therein for more than eight hours in any day and 48 hours in any week and the period of work including overtime should not exceed ten hours in any day and 50 hours in a period of three continuing months.

• If employees are found working on any holiday or after normal duty hours without proper indent of overtime, penal action should be initiated against the employer/manager as laid down in the Karnataka Shops and Establishments Act, and Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Rules.

• Wages including overtime wages of the employees should be credited to their savings bank account as prescribed under the payments of wages Act.

• Women employees should not be allowed to work beyond 8 pm on any day in normal circumstances, provided that an employer after obtaining written consent from a woman employee may allow her to work between 8 pm and 6 am subject to providing adequate protection to her dignity, honour and safety.

• Transport arrangements should be provided to the woman employee who works in shifts.

• Every employer, employing woman employee should constitute Internal Complaints Committee against sexual harassment of woman under the Sexual Harassment of Woman at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition an Redressal ) Act.

• Employees should be provided with restroom, washroom, safety lockers and other basic amenities.

The terms and conditions should be treated and implemented in addition to those provisions specified in the Karnataka Shops and Establishments Act, and The Workmen's Compensation Act.

# Mysurean elected as Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences

*Dr. Sudisha*

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Dr. J. Sudisha of Mysuru has been elected as Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (FNAAS), India.

He completed his Ph.D in Biotechnology from University of Mysore, under the supervision of Prof. H. Shekar Shetty. Currently he is working as Assistant Professor at Karnatak University, Dharwad, where his research is focused on Molecular Plant Pathology.

He is also the recipient of several International and National awards including International award for Young Agricultural Researcher, Government of Japan, Fellow of the National Academy of Biological Sciences (FNABS), AMI - Young Scientist Award, Prof. H.C. Dube Outstanding Young Scientist Award and Pesticide India Award. He has published more than 87 research articles in reputed international journals and holds one patent.

Recently, Dr. Sudisha was rewarded with prestigious "Bridge Fellow" by the Govt. of Japan to conduct research on plant signalling for defense. He is the son of Jogaiah and Jayamma, residents of Kuvempunagar, Mysuru.

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# District Youth Parliament held

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) in association with National Service Scheme (NSS), University of Mysore (UoM) and Youth Empowerment and Sports Department, under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, had organised District Youth Parliament at Youth Hostel Auditorium here recently.

UoM Associate Professor Dr. M.P. Sadashiva addressed the nine students who participated in the programme representing the district through webinar.

Prof. K. Kalachannegowda, Prof. Parameshwar Hegde, Prof. K.M. Prasanna Kumar, Dr. Basavaraju, Dr. M.B. Suresh, Omprakash and District Youth Co-ordinator of NYK S. Siddaramappa also participated in the webinar and addressed the students, according to a press release.

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## Liver Specialist for consultation

Liver Specialist from Bengaluru, Dr. Varun Mahabaleshwar (Consultant - Liver Transplant and HPB Surgery), will be available for consultation at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital in Devanur 2nd Stage in Mysuru from 10 am to 1 pm on Jan. 6. [Mob: 99457-83137]

## Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Chemistry to K. Nandini for her thesis 'Synthesis, characterisation and biological activity of some pyrazole and imidazole analogus' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Y.B. Basavaraju.

B. Harish Kamath has been awarded Ph.D in Management by the UoM for his thesis 'Monitoring credit risk in banking through social media datasets with special reference to mortgage loan' [Guide: Dr. Noor Firdoos Jahan].

## Animal adoption continues at Zoo

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Parthasarathy, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); Rashmi, Mandya - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000); Geeta Lokpal Vora, Maharashtra - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), Jeevadhar Blood Bank, Mysuru - Hoolock Gibbon (Rs. 10,000), G.N. Suma Mysuru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); Thammesh Gowda of Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) - Cheetah (Rs. 50,000), according to a release from the Zoo Executive Director.

### KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

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| Today | 118.66 ft |
| Yesterday | 118.69 ft |
| Inflow | 746 cusecs |
| Outflow | 989 cusecs |

### Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

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| Today | 2,271.27 ft |
| Inflow | 371 cusecs |
| Outflow | 250 cusecs |

### Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

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| Today | 2,820.07 ft |
| Inflow | 173 cusecs |
| Outflow | 30 cusecs |

# Urban forests keep city breathing freely

## High-density plantations implemented at Hebbal Lake and near Cheluvamba Park; more areas identified

*Hebbal Lake*

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department has set its sights on increasing the green cover in city as part of its strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change. For this, they have adopted a policy 'forest within the city' and has officially implemented the concept of urban forestry.

Incidentally, as part of the World Environment Day last June, Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar announced the launch of his Ministry's 'Nagar Van' (Urban Forest) scheme, which aims at developing 200 urban forests across the country over the next five years.

He urged at least 200 Municipalities and Corporations across the country to develop plans for implementing the scheme. The scheme in part will be paid for by the CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016) funds, the Minister said.

### To increase green cover

In Mysuru, much before the announcement of the Minister, the Forest Department had begun work on developing urban forest with an aim to decrease the rising temperature and humidity. Inadequate tree cover in city area has driven the Department to explore this concept at a couple of places. Urban forestry has been largely confined to institutional planting. Here, we have evolved a blueprint to increase green cover, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar told *Star of Mysore*.

Under the scheme, indigenous or native varieties of trees have been planted to create urban forests. Aiming to cleanse the city of its air pollution, the Department is taking a stand against climate change through forestry. Trees help moderate temperatures especially in cities where heat, radiated from concrete buildings and roads, makes them warmer. They also whittle down levels of Ozone, Sulphur dioxide and particulate matter, remove large quantities of Carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen.

### Hebbal Lake and near Cheluvamba Park

Urban forest — urban high-density plantation — concept has been implemented in vacant spaces of Hebbal Lake that has been rejuvenated now. Native saplings have been planted near the lake bund and at the middle of the vacant space where tree rows have been created. Over 1,130 saplings have been planted.

It has also been implemented behind Cheluvamba Park at Vontikoppal where initially a rose garden was planned. More than 500 native varieties of plants have been planted. These plants will take three to four years to grow and the plantation will look like a forest within the city limits, the DCF added. The Forest Department has identified Lalithadrinagar, KSRTC Layout, Vijayanagar 4th Stage and J.P. Nagar as areas with potential to nurture urban forests.

### Maximise air quality

Though the air quality of Mysuru is not as bad as Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad or national capital New Delhi, the Department has taken up the scheme to maximise the air quality especially in summer and winter. The project aims at decreasing Carbon dioxide levels in atmosphere that is a result of depleting green cover.

The Department has adopted Miyawaki method of afforestation, developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki which, unlike commercial forestry, plants only native varieties of trees in selected ratios and sequences, creating multilayer, maintenance-free forests and 100 percent self-sustainable ecosystems.

The process uses only local species where the success rate of plant growth is 90 percent. The forests blend with the local ecosystem, last longer and can exist in urban spaces.

### Native varieties

Prashanth Kumar said that over 30 species of native trees have been carefully selected and only those plants that will balance the environment have been selected for the scheme. The varieties include Peepal, Banyan, Holemaththi, Champak, Shivani, Takoma, Tabebuia, Neem, Jackfruit, Wild Badami, Gooseberry, Jamun, Halmaddi or dhoop trees, Fig, Honge (Indian Beech Tree), Mango and Sandalwood.

### Good examples of urban forests

- Warje urban forest in Pune — a 16-hectare barren strip of land encroached on by slums and builders transformed into a thriving oasis of biodiversity.
- Shimla hosts a sanctuary of around 1,000 hectares that started off as the Shimla drinking water catchment forest.
- In Southeast Delhi, the Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary was remoulded from degraded village common land to reserve forest.
- Delhi's Aravalli and Yamuna biodiversity parks have successfully recreated the natural habitats and ecosystems.
- Gurgaon's Aravalli Biodiversity Park created as a haven for native species in a degraded and mined landscape.

# Two children among 7 killed as bus falls on a house

## The bus was carrying marriage party to Kodagu

Madikeri, Jan. 4- Seven persons, including two children, were killed and many sustained grievous injuries, when a bus transporting a wedding party to Kodagu, veered off a steep road and fell on top of a house at Pariyaram, a village bordering Panathur in Kasaragod district of Kerala yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Adarsh (12), Shreyas (13), Jayalakshmi (39), Ravichandran (40), Rajesh (45), Sumathi (50), Lakshmi (39) and Shashi (35).

Among the many injured, ten of them are said to be in critical condition, while 40 persons have sustained serious injuries. The injured have been admitted to Kanhangad Government Hospital and at private hospitals in Mangaluru, it is learnt.

**Details:** The marriage of Prashanth Kumar, a waterman at Karike Gram Panchayat in Kodagu district, was being held at Chethukaya village near Karike village yesterday. In the morning, there was a wedding ritual in the bride's house in Eshwara Mangala and the ritual of tying the *thali* was scheduled in Prashanth's house at Karike in the afternoon.

After the rituals at the bride's house, the private bus with about 60 guests left for Kumar's house in Karike. The bride and others left in a Tempo Traveller, which was being followed by the bus, it is learnt.

To reach Karike Gram Panchayat inside the Pushpagiri Reserve Forest, they have to travel 10 kms in Kasaragod's Panathady Panchayat.

When the bus was proceeding on Kalapalli-Panathur Road at Pariyaram, the driver reportedly lost control of the bus while descending a slope, hit a roadside tree and veered off the road before falling on top of a house. Luckily, no one was present inside the house at the time of the mishap.

Kanhangad Police have registered a case.

# Veteran Kannada actor

## 'Shani' Mahadevappa passes away

*'Shani' Mahadevappa*

Bengaluru, Jan. 4- Veteran Sandalwood actor Shani Mahadevappa (Shiva Prakash) died after a prolonged illness at the K.C. General Hospital here yesterday. He was 88.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter and a son.

Mahadevappa, who acted in almost all movies of Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar, had appeared in more than 400 films.

Mahadevappa's son M. Gurukumar said that the actor was suffering from liver and kidney ailments for almost a year and was completely bedridden.

Due to severe cold and cough, he complained of breathing problems a week ago and was admitted to the ICU of K.C. General Hospital, where he breathed his last.

He was born in 1933 and hailed from Malavalli in Mandya district. His father was also a theatre actor. He started his career on stage at a very young age.

His role in the play *Shaneeshwara Mahatme* brought him acclaim and he came to be known as 'Shani' Mahadevappa. He acted in lead roles in several plays staged by drama companies, including Gubbi Company.

He began his career in films in 1962 by playing small roles. He later became a close associate of Dr. Rajkumar and was a regular in most of the thespian's films, playing character roles.

'Shani' Mahadevappa is said to have acted in over 150 films with Dr. Rajkumar, including *Shankar Guru, Mooroovare Vajragalu* and *Kavirathna Kalidasa* among other films.

He was also the contemporary of prominent actors such as Vajramuni, Thoogudeepa Srinivas, Dhirendra Gopal, Sudheer and Sundar Krishna Urs.

Last rites were held at Sumanahalli Crematorium today.

# Fire due to short circuit partially destroys Bank in city

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MK&KS)- Fire due to short circuit at the UPS room has partially destroyed a Bank yesterday afternoon.

The incident took place at Bank of Baroda in Gandhi Square and the fire has destroyed two computers, tables, chairs, false ceiling, windows and door.

As yesterday was a holiday for the Bank, the Bank was closed. Luckily, the fire has not done any damage to the Bank's treasury.

Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade personnel, numbering about 15, who rushed to the spot along with the fire extinguishing vehicle, managed to douse the fire in a nearly two-hour-long operation.

As the doors and windows of the Bank were closed and the electronic equipment was on fire inside, thick black smoke had engulfed inside the Bank, hampering the operation.

Later, the Fire personnel using a smoke extraction equipment, removed the smoke from inside the Bank and after wearing oxygen mask and other safety equipment, managed to go inside the Bank, identified the fire spot and doused it, according to District Fire Officer Raju.

He (Raju) said that the fire had destroyed electronic equipment, doors, windows and other items inside the Bank and added that the treasury was not damaged in the incident.

He further said that the short circuit may have occurred at about 10 am and as it was a holiday for the Bank, it had not come to the notice of anyone immediately.

# Man clubbed to death near Mandakalli

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MK&KS)- A 48-year-old man, who was riding a bike was waylaid by miscreants and allegedly clubbed to death near Mandakalli on Saturday morning. The deceased has been identified as Marikotegowda of Mahadevapura near J.P. Nagar in city.

A native of Mandakalli, Marikotegowda was proceeding on his bike from Mahadevapura towards Mandakalli at about 7.30 am, when miscreants waylaid him and clubbed him to death with logs near the canal, about 500 mts from Mandakalli and fled from the spot.

Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth and other Police staff visited the spot and conducted preliminary investigation.

According to Mysuru Rural Police, there were three miscreants as told by locals and it is to be known why they murdered him.

Mysuru Rural Police have registered a case and are investigating.

# Chemicals let into drain: KSPBC Officials seal dyeing unit

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (YDS&KS)- Officials of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Mysuru, who raided a dyeing unit on Bogadi Ring Road, have sealed the unit for letting untreated chemical waste water into drain.

There is a banana plantation near Bogadi Ring Road on the outskirts of city which is under litigation between a private person and MUDA. Two persons, identified as Suresh and Murthy of Bogadi, have reportedly taken this land on rent and were running a clothes dyeing unit. The duo used to get clothes from Tamil Nadu and get them coloured at the unit using chemical dyes and used to let the untreated chemical coloured water into the drain.

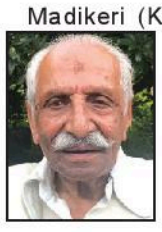
Following a tip off, the KSPBC Officials, who raided the dyeing unit on Saturday afternoon, during which Suresh and Murthy fled from the spot.

The KSPCS Officials, who took the unit's supervisor and four workers from Tamil Nadu into custody, have handed them over to the Police, according to Environmental Officer Prakash.

Based on the complaint from KSPBC Officials against Suresh, Murthy and team, Saraswathipuram Police have registered a case.

# Obituary

**Mandetira Ponnappa (Gappu)**



Madikeri (Kodagu), Jan. 4- Ponnappa (Gappu), Pattedaara of Mandetira family and owner of Lalithadri Estate, Madapura, passed away in the wee hours of today at his residence in Kodagu. He was 98.

He leaves behind sons Arun and Anil, daughters Asha, Amrit and Amitha, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Cremation was held at Madapura this afternoon.

**Sakamma**

**Mysuru:** Sakamma (80), wife of late Maraiah of Bommenahalli in Yelwal hobli, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind three daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren including Congress leader and DCC Secretary Huilalu Ramaswamy.

Last rites were performed at her farm at Bommenahalli this morning.

**Doddathyamma**

**Nanjangud:** Doddathayamma (77), a resident of Basavanapura in the taluk, passed away on Friday in the village.

She leaves behind her husband, three sons, three daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Last rites were held at the family's farm on Saturday, according to family sources.

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# Understanding the Union budget

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

*Author Dr. R. Balasubramaniam seen interacting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi last Monday. He was one among many experts in the respective fields to be invited for inputs as part of the budget preparation.*

The Union budget of India arouses not only interest but passionate debate across the country. From Corporate czars to the experts on television shows, to the man on the street, everyone likes to comment on the Union budget. Each one tends to see it from their own perspective and form opinions that are driven by both objective and subjective analysis. After a week of talk, most of the excitement dies down and very few even remember either the Union budget or the long-term consequences of the same.

Experts commenting on the budget each year use words like 'pro-corporate', 'urban centric', 'pro-farmer' or 'rural focussed' based on the allocations made or their own preferences. Some of the other common expressions that have been used to describe the Union Budget are words like 'middle-class friendly', 'social sector inclined', 'taxation heavy', and 'election year budget'.

In a year that is still seeing COVID ravaging the world, one can expect now to see a 'COVID response' in the budget. Whether it is increased spending on health care and vaccines, or stimulating the failing economy — the budget is expected to reflect the concerns of the Government in managing both COVID pandemic and its social and economic fallouts. Another possibility is the political need to reflect the concerns of the protesting farmers while keeping in mind the need for additional defence spending considering the growing Chinese threat.

Whatever the Finance Minister finally decides to do, one must understand that the budget document reflects the core fiscal policy of the Government and should not change based on political or situational compulsions alone. While the budget is indeed prepared on a year to year basis, a reasonable policy continuance is to be expected from the Government in power. From this perspective, one also hopes that the Prime Minister's oft repeated vision of making India self-reliant *(Atmanirbhar)*, enabling a 5 trillion dollar economy and making India a scientific superpower are also kept in mind. Programmes like Ayushman Bharat, UDAN, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), Atal Innovation Mission and Make in India are just beginning to show encouraging response and need continued support.

As citizens, we need to appreciate the pivotal role budgets play in governance. Government budgets are policies that affect every sector of the economy and every section of the population. The policy concerns steering the budget and its implementation find resonance in the day-to-day lives of people and they need to understand and appreciate the process of budget formation.

This process described under four phases begins with the stage of formulation and starts around the month of August-September each year. The Budget Division of the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance sends a circular to various Ministries and Departments, requesting them to prepare estimates of expenditure to be incurred by them in the following year. The Ministry, after having received and scrutinised the estimates, undertakes the process of compilation and co-ordination of estimates of expenditure of different Ministries and Departments.

The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance prepares the estimates of revenue. The Finance Minister also holds several consultations with major stakeholders, experts and industry leaders to get a first-hand understanding of people's expectations. She then examines the budget proposals prepared by the Ministry and may make changes in them in consultation with the Prime Minister. The President is also shown the budget.

Similarly, the Finance Minister briefs the Cabinet about the budget shortly before it is presented to Parliament. During the budget preparation and later, only those in the Government, the Chief Economic Advisor in the Finance Department, Reserve Bank of India as the Central Bank (or Banker's Bank), the various Parliamentary Standing Committees which finalise the expenditures of the various Ministries and the demands of the Departments, research institutions like the National Institute for Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi and finally the Finance Ministry itself which finalise the document are in the know.

This is then followed by the process of enactment. The budget is presented to the House by the Finance Minister on the 1st of February and is discussed in two stages — the general discussion followed by a detailed discussion, and voting on the demands for grants. During the general discussion, the House is at liberty to discuss the budget as a whole or any question of principle involved therein but no motion can be moved. Immediately after the presentation of the budget, the Finance Minister also presents the Finance Bill for tax proposals as required under Article 265 of Indian Constitution. It is expressly laid down in the Constitution that no tax shall be levied or collected except by the authority of law and Parliament's approval is needed in this regard.

As regard the demand for grants, under Article 113 of the Constitution, the financial initiative is the executive's privilege. Only the Government can present a demand for grant and not the private members. This is meant for balancing of revenue and expenditure which is the job of the executive. After the demands for grants are voted by the Lok Sabha, the Appropriation Bill is introduced, considered, and passed by the Parliament. It incorporates all moneys required to meet **(i)** Charged expenditure, and **(ii)** grants made by the Lok Sabha. This bill is again passed as a Money Bill. This then provides the legal authority for the withdrawal of sums from the Consolidated Fund of India by the Government.

Once the Finance and Appropriation Bills are passed, the Government can collect revenue and spend money on approved schemes and the phase of implementation commences. Collection of revenue is the responsibility of Revenue Department of Finance Ministry. For direct tax collection we have Central Board of Direct Taxes and for indirect tax collection we have Central Board of Indirect Taxes. The individual Departments and Ministries are informed by the Ministry of Finance about their respective budget allocations and they can now start using them to fund their activities. All appropriated amounts lapse at the end of the financial year (except in some cases, for capital expenditure to be incurred on building assets which could take more than a year) have to be spent during the budget year (April-March) itself.

Next comes the phase of audit. It begins after the Controller General of Accounts (CGA, under the Ministry of Finance) prepares a condensed form of the Appropriation and the Finance Accounts of the Union Government. The accounts prepared by CGA are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) of India. These audited accounts are placed before both the Houses of Parliament. Other than C&AG, Parliamentary control over the Budget is exercised by the Public Accounts Committee, the Estimates Committee and the Committee on Public Undertakings.

Beyond all this, what matters most in a democracy is citizens holding the Government accountable for what they do and how they do it. Accountability means, in part, that the policies and plans that a Government develops should reflect the priorities, needs and aspirations of the people. It also means that Government should provide an account of what it has done to implement those policies and plans together with the results of its efforts.

Citizens for their part have a responsibility to hold their Government to account. They should participate in public life, voting for people they believe in, monitoring the Government's actions, commenting on its policies and plans, and challenging it when things go awry. And when this is done consistently by a reasonably large number of people, governance will not only be good but also citizen-centric and citizen-driven.

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# UoM adopts six villages

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The villages are Sebinakote in Lokkanahalli Gram Panchayat (GP), Huyilathha in P.G. Palya GP, Odakehalla in MM Hills GP, Ramegowdanahalli in Ponnachi GP, Soolekobe in Minyam GP and Gullada Bayalu in Huttur GP have been adopted for the initiative, he explained.

Under the programme, the University will address the development challenges of the villages through participatory processes and appropriate technologies will be used to accelerate sustainable growth, he added. "We want to create a virtuous cycle between the society and an inclusive academic system by providing knowledge and practices for emerging professions and upgrade the capabilities in rural areas," the VC explained.

**Schools to be adopted**

To mark the centenary celebrations, the University is adopting 10 Government Schools that include two century-old Schools, the VC said. The initiative has been taken following the appeal from Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar to adopt Government Schools in order to exhibit concern for rural children.

Responding to the Minister's appeal, the UoM has adopted ten Schools in four districts — Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan — including two schools which have crossed 100 years — Government Higher Primary School (GHPS), Kunagalli in Kollegal taluk and Government Higher Primary School, Komaranapura, Yalandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district.

"We want to improve their standards by giving them modern facilities and create an atmosphere conducive for education. We will provide basic facilities to all the adopted schools such as wooden furniture, toilets and drinking water soon," Prof. Hemantha Kumar said. The University has formed a Committee to oversee the development of these schools.

The Committee members will visit all these schools and look into their problems. A video conference was held with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's academic advisor Dr. M.R. Doreswamy. Doreswamy advises the State Government on education reforms initiated by the Government. Registrar Prof. M. Shivappa was present at the press conference.

## List of Schools adopted by UoM

- GHPS, Bailur, Hanur taluk, Chamarajanagar District
- Lakshmisagara GHPS, Pandavapura taluk, Mandya District
- Yelechikkanahalli GHPS, Mandya taluk, Mandya District
- GHPS, Yelleshapura, Holenarasipura taluk, Hassan District
- GHPS, Marballi, Mysuru taluk, Mysuru District
- Govt. HS, Gungralchatra, Mysuru taluk, Mysuru District
- GHPS, K.R. Mill, Mysuru taluk, Mysuru District
- GHPS, Kyathanahalli, H.D. Kote taluk, Mysuru District
- GHPS, Kunagalli, Kollegal taluk, Chamarajanagar District
- GHPS, Komaranapura, Yalandur taluk, Chamarajanagar

# State-level coconut shooting contest on Jan. 9

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (PM&KS)- Nelji Farmers Development and Recreation Association, Nelji village in Kodagu, has organised the 2nd State-level Coconut Shooting Competition at its Club premises at Nelji on Jan. 9.

Disclosing this at a press meet here this morning, Association President M.K. Nanjappa said that the contests will be inaugurated at 9 am by Nellamakkada Sharath Somanna of Ammathi, Palekanda Sai and Machetteira Naveen. Contest will be held in two categories — 0.22 rifle and 12 bore gun categories.

He further said that the first three winners will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 20,000 receptively in 0.22 rifle category and Rs. 10,000, Rs. 7,000 and Rs. 5,000 respectively in 12 bore gun category, along with a trophy each.

Valedictory will be held on the same day in which Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, former senior Sports Officer of Indian Institute of Science at Bengaluru C.P. Poonacha, Zilla Panchayat Member and former President of the Standing Committee C.K. Bopanna of Gonikoppa and President of Napoklu Kodava Samaja A. Manu Muthappa will be the chief guests.

For details, contact Mandira Nanda on Mob: 93803-03387 or Kaibulira Umesh on 94483-26055 or Mandira Sachin on Mob: 73381-75764.

Association Vice-President K. Umesh Uthappa, Member M. Appanna and Director B. Devi Devayya were present during the press meet.

# COVID scare not deterring students from attending classes

*Physics lecturer K.B. Reema taking classes for final year degree students (PCM) at Maharani's Science College in city this morning.*

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (RKB&KS)- Bored of staying in home and attending online classes for more than nine months, the students of Classes 10 and 12, following reopening of schools and colleges from Jan. 1, have undergone the mandatory RT-PCR test and are attending classes.

"There is an overall 60 percent attendance of students attending Classes 10 and 12," said Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) Dr. Panduranga speaking to *SOM* this morning.

When *SOM* visited Vidyavardhaka College on Seshadri Iyer Road this morning, out of 170 students, 125 students were attending classes.

**Law College too reopened**

Following the order to reopen Law Colleges, Vidyavardhaka Law College, which received the guidelines for the reopening of the college on Saturday, has reopened today with just 35 of the total 571 students attending classes on the first day.

Principal P. Deepu said that the college offers BA-LLB and LLB courses and added that intimation about resuming classes from today has been sent to all students and parents.

Though Degree College (BA, B.Com and B.Sc) classes have commenced since last month, 152 students out of the total 283 students were attending classes today. The attendance of students was increasing daily, the Principal said.

She said that classes being held in the college are being telecast live for the benefit of those students who are unable to attend the classes at the college.

She further said that every student is checked for body temperature through thermal screening at the entrance of the college and it is seen that they are wearing proper face masks and maintaining social distancing, besides stating that a sanitiser bottle is kept at the entrance of each classroom and the students have to enter their respective classroom only after sanitising their hands.

Meanwhile, attendance of students at various degree colleges in city, which re-opened last month, is improving day-by-day with students attending classes regularly.

# 'All measures will be taken to safeguard Lalitha Mahal Hotel land'

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MTY&DM)- M. Appanna, Chairman of State-owned Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR), today inspected the landed properties attached to Lalitha Mahal Hotel that is run by JLR.

Referring to safeguarding of the Palace Hotel premises in the wake of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar's press meet on Saturday, during which she clarified on the Gate erected in Lalitha Mahal Helipad premises and levelled allegations of encroachment of the landed properties of Maharajas, Appanna said that the authorities have been alerted by Pramoda Devi's revelations.

He said that he himself inspected the entire area of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel this morning, keeping a copy of the map, to get a first-hand information and to make a physical check about the total space covering the entire landed properties that belonged to the Hotel.

Maintaining that all measures will be taken to safeguard and secure the land of the Hotel, he said that repairs will be done to the fencing wherever it has come apart. He further said that following complaints of illegal activities taking place in the surroundings of the Hotel, the Police would be asked to take action in this regard by stepping up round-the-clock vigil.

# City Cops among 121 Policemen bag CM's Medal

*A. Mallesh* *Munivenkatappa*

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Metagalli Police Inspector A. Mallesh and KPA Head Constable Munivenkatappa from the city are among the 121 Cops of the State who have bagged the Chief Minister's Medal for the year 2019.

Other Cops who have bagged the medal include Madikeri Town Circle Police Inspector P. Anup Madappa, Holenarasipur Dy.SP B. Lakshmegowda, H.N. Siddaiah, who retired as Dy.SP at IGP Southern Range Office in Mysuru, Kushalnagar Rural PSI Nandeesh Kumar, Bannur PSI B.N. Puneeth, PSI J. Rajendra, who earlier served at Kollegal and Mandya Head Constable Akram Ali Khan.

# Minister Patil hints at regularisation of illegal mines in Mandya district

Pandavapura, Jan. 4- Mines and Geology Minister C.C. Patil has hinted at regularisation of all illegal mining in Mandya district.

Talking to reporters after visiting mining areas in T.M. Hosur, Kalenahalli, Chennanakere, Hangarahalli, Bebi Betta in Srirangapatna and Pandavapura taluks on Saturday, he said those who were doing mining illegally would be given an opportunity for regularisation of their business by paying penalty and royalty to the Department. They would be instructed to adhere with rules and carry-on their activity without affecting people and agriculture in its surrounding areas.

Officials had been told to disconnect power supply for those illegal miners who have not paid penalty despite serving notice on them. "We are contemplating increasing royalty and allow illegal miners to continue their activity," he added.

The Minister said that he had visited illegal mining areas and had asked officers to impose fine as well as take action against such miners. Protection had been given to the Department officers who were working to stop unauthorised mining in their jurisdiction. "There was delay in issuing new 134 mining licences in Hangarahalli and Mundagadore villages since last nine years due to controversy over fixing of the boundary between Forest and Mines and Geology Departments. It is being addressed through survey."

Horticulture and District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr.M.V. Venkatesh, SP Parashuram, Mines and Geology Department Deputy Director Pushpa, ZP CEO Zulfikar, Assistant Commissioner Shivanandamurthy, Tahsildars Pramod L. Patil and Roopa were present.

## KRS gets first priority

**We have given first priority for the protection of Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) Dam which has been built by Mysore Maharajas by selling their personal gold jewellery. The survey of Bebi Betta will be done through drone. A private agency has been asked to find out the impact of mining on the Dam and what is the safe distance to do mining. The report is expected in three months. Based on it, necessary action will be taken.**

**—C.C. Patil, Mines and Geology Minister**

# Govt. spikes MCC's proposal on waiver of interest on water dues

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (SBD&SSV)- The State Government has spiked the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) proposal seeking permission to waive off interest on pending water bills of consumers which runs into crores of rupees.

This has come as a shocker to Mysureans who were expecting the Government to okay this proposal in view of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. Since the accrued interest amount was more than the pending water bill, the Government has strictly told the MCC to collect interest from the consumers concerned without any mercy.

The Corporators, cutting across the party lines, were hoping that the Government would agree to the MCC's proposal to waive interest on water bill. But, the Government has struck down the proposal with a directive to the Corporation to collect every paisa from consumers.

The proposal seeking interest waiver was not new as it was sent to the Government four years ago. However, there was no response from the Government.

This was brought to the notice of Urban Development Minister, Byrati Basavaraj during a review meeting held in city a few months ago.

In previous Council meeting, Corporator B.V. Manjunath wanted to know the Government's reply to the MCC's proposal on interest waiver that had been pending for almost four years. He had contended that the Corporation would suffer loss if it collects water tax from residents of revenue layouts from the date of installing water meters.

At least minimum rate should be collected from the date of house construction, he added.

It would be additional burden for those citizens who have taken water connection legally. So, the MCC must collect only water bill and waive interest part, he had said.

The Urban Department has written to MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde stating "The State Government went through your proposal seeking waiver of interest of customers in the Corporation limits. Since the proposal is going to cause huge financial loss to the Corporation, the Urban Development has not only rejected your proposal but also has advised you to take effective steps for the collection of pending amount with interest."

## Praja Party demands release of wage dues of daily wagers

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MTY&DM)- Alleging that several outsourced employees attached to Mysuru Division of Forest Department have not been paid wages for eighteen months, the Karnataka Praja Party has urged the Government to immediately clear all wage dues.

Addressing a press meet here on Friday, Party President B. Shivanna said that more than 150 workers, who also included women, were employed by the Forest Department on daily wage basis years ago. But norms were not followed when these daily wagers were later considered as outsourced employees, which has led to problems. Also, these employees are getting a lesser wage than that stipulated by the Government, he claimed.

Maintaining that Hunsur Division Forest Department has been paying the announced wages, he urged the Mysuru Division to follow Hunsur and pay the fixed wages and clear long pending wage dues to contract employees who have been serving the Department for years.

Party office-bearers B.R. Lokesh, G. Tara, P. Umesh and others were present at the press meet.

## Rust In Peace

# Public outcry against negligence of Police Department

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (SPN&KS)- A dozen metal barricades, reportedly belonging to the Police Department, are left on the Ring Road to rust inviting wrath of public, who have accused the Police Department of wasting tax-payers' money. These metal barricades are found on the roadside near Adarsh Nagar on Dattagalli Ring Road route since many months. These 12 iron barricades are not painted and are exposed to vagaries on nature.

A resident, who has sent the photos of the rusting barricades, said that these barricades were either purchased or donated and it is the responsibility of the Police Department to maintain it. But the barricades are left neglected. Though the Highway Patrol Police vehicle conducts regular beat on this road, has this not come to the notice of the Highway patrolling party? he questioned.

Another resident opined that the iron barricades could be used for many years if a fresh coat of metal primer and paint is applied.

When the matter was brought to the notice of DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, she said that the barricades kept on the roadside had not come to her notice and added that she would instruct the jurisdictional Traffic Police to take them.

## Residents upset over improper filling of road cuttings

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Even as the MCC has warned that unauthorised road cutters will be heavily penalised, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) that functions under the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), has been accused of improper filling after it cut the road leading from KRS Road to Hebbal's Kuvempu Circle.

The MCC's Underground Drainage (UGD) section and VVWW had cut the road about a week ago for laying UGD pipes. But local residents allege that after completion of the works, the authorities failed to fill up the cut road in a proper manner, which has caused a lot of inconvenience to pedestrians and motorists alike.

Venting out their anger against the MCC for their indiscreet ways of road cutting and filling, the members of the public decried official apathy, saying that the authorities have little concern for the safety of motorists.

They wondered whether the MCC, which has warned the public of action for unauthorised road cutting, will be penalised now for its irresponsible ways of road cutting and filling.

# Amarashilpi Jakanachari Commemoration Day

Raghu R.Kautilya

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that Vishwakarma community and other Kayaka Samajas (Vocational trade based communities) have the power to drive out foreign products, including 'Made in China' articles, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya said that the Corporation is working on plans to impart skill development training to Kayaka Samajas with a touch of latest technology in keeping with the current day requirements.

He was speaking at Vishwakarma Amarashilpi Jakanachari Commemoration Day programme organised jointly by the District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department and Amarashilpi Jakanachari Samsmarana Samiti at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises here on Friday.

Pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentions the name of 12th century social reformer Basavanna in many of his speeches because of the fact that Basavanna promoted Kayaka Samajas, Raghu Kautilya said that it was D. Devaraj Urs who worked for the cause of Backward Communities after Basavanna. Now Chief Minister Yediyurappa is working towards realising the dreams of Basavanna, who always stood for Kayaka principles, he said.

Observing that Vishwakarma Samaja has played a key role in our culture and traditions gaining global attention, he said that Amarashilpi Jakanachari, a great sculptor that he was, brought richness to our arts, sculpture and customs. Maintaining that Jakanachari's sculptures are of global standards, he said that the legendary sculptor of the 12th century is a model for present day artists.

MLA L. Nagendra, in his address, said that it was the first time that Jakanachari Commemoration Day programme is being held in city. Asserting that there is no other match for the legendary sculptor's works, he said that Channakeshava Temple at Belur stands testimony to the masterly skills of the great sculptor. Noting that Vishwakarma community members, apart from making progress in their vocation, should also concentrate on the education of their children, Nagendra said education is everyone's right and the community should stand in support of their children for achieving academic success.

Amarashilpi Vedike submitted a memorandum to the MLA seeking to name a park and road after Jakanachari, to install his bust at a prominent junction and to construct a Amarashilpi Jakanachari Samudaya Bhavan.

Noted sculptors Bangara Achar of Kabballi in Gundlupet, Chennappachar of Mysuru, Yogiraj of K.R. Mohalla, Srikantachar of K.G. Koppal and Rajyotsava awardee Janardhan Murthy (Janardhanachar) were felicitated on the occasion.

MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, KEA Chairman Hemanthkumar Gowda, Corporators Ramani and Chayadevi, Vishwakarma community leader Huchappachar, ADC B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa, Samsmarana Samiti President S. Nagaraj and Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaram were present.

## 'Folk art is a good medium for reaching out Government schemes to people'

*Seen in the picture are (from left) **District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath, ZP Deputy Secretary Prem Kumar, Health Department Divisional Joint Director (DJD) Uday Kumar, DD K.H. Prasad and SMO Dr. Sudhir Nayak, lighting the lamp during the inauguration of workshop for folk teams at Naganahalli Organic Farming Training Centre in Mysuru on Thursday last.***

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that folk art is a good medium for reaching out Government schemes, initiatives, plans and programmes to the doorsteps of people, Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Deputy Secretary Prem Kumar lauded the authorities for engaging folk artistes in awareness and sensitisation campaigns of Government schemes.

He was speaking after inaugurating a three-day Mysuru Divisional Workshop for folk teams jointly organised by the District Administration, ZP and the Health and Family Welfare Department at Naganahalli Organic Farming Training Centre in the taluk on Thursday.

Noting that lack of awareness was the main bottleneck for taking Govt. schemes to the doorsteps of beneficiaries, Prem Kumar said that the engagement of folk artistes to overcome this shortcoming is a good development.

Pointing out that folk art has the capacity to educate the masses on Government schemes in simpler terms, he said that human development index depended on key factors such as food, housing, education and health and as such, every one should strive for further growth of these sectors.

DHO Joint Director Dr. K.H. Prasad said that the workshop has been organised with the theme 'Yellarigoo Arogya - Yelledeyoo Arogya,' which means 'Health for all and health everywhere.' He highlighted the objectives of the workshop.

DHO Dr. T. Amarnath said, it is important to hold such workshops to create widespread awareness at a time when COVID-19 continues to haunt the public.

A total of 48 folk artistes from Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts participated in the three-day workshop.

District Agriculture Training Centre Director G.S. Yogesh, Reproductive & Child Health Officer (RCHO) L. Ravi, District Family Welfare Officer Dr. P. Ravi, SMO Dr. Sudhir Nayak, District Health Education Officer Jnaneshesh-war, Deputy District Health Education Officers M. Munindramma and Padmavathi (Mysuru), Jyothi (Mangaluru), Vijaya Bai (Udupi), Lalitha (Chikmagalur) and Palaksha (Kodagu), Regional Health Education Officers Bharatswamy (Chamarajanagar district) and Mahadevu (Mysuru taluk), Resource persons Janardhan and D. Yogananda and others were present during the inaugural.

# Karnataka Kalashri awards announced

**Mysuru's Ganesh Bhat, Mandya's Upasana Mohan and Srirangapatna's Murali bag honours**

Bengaluru, Jan. 4- Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy has announced 'Karnataka Kalashri' StateAwards for the year 2020-21.

The awards were announced at a meeting presided over by Academy Chairman Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma recently.

The Honorary Awards carry a cash prize of Rs.50,000 and Annual Awards carry a cash prize of Rs.25,000 and a citation. The awards will be conferred at a programme to take place at Bengaluru's Ravindra Kalakshetra on Feb. 6, according to a press release.

The awardees are as follows: **Honorary Award:** R.P. Asundi of Dharwad (Playback Singer/ Music) and Rama Hariharapura (Sugama Sangeetha).

**Annual Awards: Karnatak Music -** Madhoor P. Balasubramanyam of Udupi (Vocal), Sukanya Ramgopal of Bengaluru (Ghata), Suruli Ganeshmurthy of Chikkamagalur (mridanga) and Murali of Srirangapatna (nadaswara); **Hindustani Music -** Sripada Hegde of Dharwad (Vocal), Pandit Rajaprabhu Dhotre of Belagavi (Vocal) and T. Ranga Pai Thonse of Udupi (Tabla).

**Dance -** Nayana Rai of Puttur (Dance Teacher), Praveen Kumar of Bengaluru (Bharatanatyam), Madhu Nataraj of Bengaluru (Kathak) and G. Gurumurthy of Tumakuru (Dance - Mridanga).

The other awardees are - Ganesh Bhat of Mysuru (Keyboard), Upasana Mohan of Mandya (Sugama Sangeetha), Bhagavatar Vaikuntadatta Maharaja of Bidar (Katha Keertana), G. Somashekar Das of Tumakuru and H.S. Gopal of Shivamogga (Gamaka).

**Ganesh Bhat,** a resident of Gangothri Layout in Mysuru, is a B-Grade artiste of AIR. A renowned keyboard player, Bhat has scored music for four audio cassettes of Rajyotsava awardee singer Garthikere Raghanna. He has also composed music for over a hundred audio cassettes including that of noted singer S.K. Vasumati. Besides, he has scored music for a couple of films such as 'Shambho Mahadeva' and 'Nanjangudu Srikanteshwara Mahatme.' He has bagged many awards including Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava award.

**Upasana Mohan** of Mandya, who became a household name through his Upasana organisation, is a highly talented musician. Born in Mysuru to Jayaram and Bhagyalakshmi couple, Mohan grew up at his grandfather's house at Mandya. After getting his Diploma in Electronics Engineering, Mohan moved to Bengaluru, where he learnt Karnatak Music from Srivatsa and Hindusthani Music from Govinda Rotti.

Working for Phillips Company at Bengaluru, Mohan got introduced to renowned Sugama Sangeetha Music Composer G.V. Atri and joined his (G.V. Atri) Sangeetha Ganga Music School, where he learnt Sugama Sangeetha and later went on to become a faculty and Principal of the School.

Mohan later started his own Music School Upasana in 1999, thus earning the nickname 'Upasana Mohan.' He has also brought out 'Upasana', a collection of poems of 365 well-known poets.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Verdigris

**Pronunciation:** VER-duh-greess.
**Meaning:** A green or bluish deposit formed on copper, brass, or bronze surfaces.
**Origin:** "Green of Greece"—that is the literal translation of vert de Grece, the Anglo-French phrase from which the modern word verdigris descends. A coating of verdigris forms naturally on copper and copper alloys such as brass and bronze when those metals are exposed to air (It can also be produced artificially.) The word verdigris has been associated with statuary and architecture, ancient and modern, since it was first used in the 14th century. Some American English speakers may find that they know it best from the greenish-blue coating that covers the copper of the Statue of Liberty.
**Example:** "Verdigris is poisonous when ingested, and for that reason — and to prevent copper's metallic flavor from leaching into food — copper cookware is lined with metal such as tin or stainless steel." — Jacob Dean, Yahoo! Life, 25 Nov. 2020

## THE ODD WORD

### Valence

Linen helmet-cover for armour.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Vicious circle

**Meaning:** A self-perpetuating process which returns to its starting point with no improvement from when it was begun.
**Origin:** A vicious circle was the name given by 18th century logicians for a fallacious proof in this form: A depends on B ; B depends on C; C depends on A. This was alluded to in Edition 3 of The Encyclopedia Britannica, in 1792: "He runs into what is termed by logicians a vicious circle." A wider use of the expression was taken up by the medical profession and there are several examples from the early 19th century of it being used to describe conditions where one symptom affects another and the health of the patient steadily deteriorates. The more general meaning of the phrase refers to any process where one event feeds off another but which seems trapped in a loop and eventually returns to its starting point, with no benefit gained. This imagery was employed in the 18th and 19th centuries to denote the circle of life and death. The emblem of a snake eating its own tail was commonly used in the iconography of Georgian and Victorian cemeteries - as in this example from Sheffield's General Cemetery. The figurative, that is, not specifically logical or medical, meaning became established in the middle of the century; for example, this piece from Henry James' Notebooks, 1892: "The whole situation works in a kind of inevitable rotary way - in what would be called a vicious circle."

## QUOTE BOX

Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved.—**D. H. Lawrence**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LO N

*Answer: Loan Shark.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Boring pieces of drills
5 Tooth-bearing bone
8 651 in Roman numerals
12 Ex-India skipper Hemu ___
13 Notion
14 Ex-England wicket keeper Knott
15 Thick sugary syrup
17 Recumbent
19 Halt
20 Otherwise
22 Money prize
26 Watery part of blood
29 Anatomical network
30 Monetary unit of Bulgaria
31 Emotional states
33 An East Indian shrub
34 For ___ : eternally?
36 Not in a very bright style!
38 Biological group
40 Our continent
41 One thing and another
43 An appointed meeting
47 Put into circulation again? (2-6)
51 "Yes" said in an informal way?
52 Mine, in Aix
53 Light banter
54 Man from Finland
55 Air Data Tester
56 Diagnostic aid (1-3)

**SATURDAY'S ANSWER**

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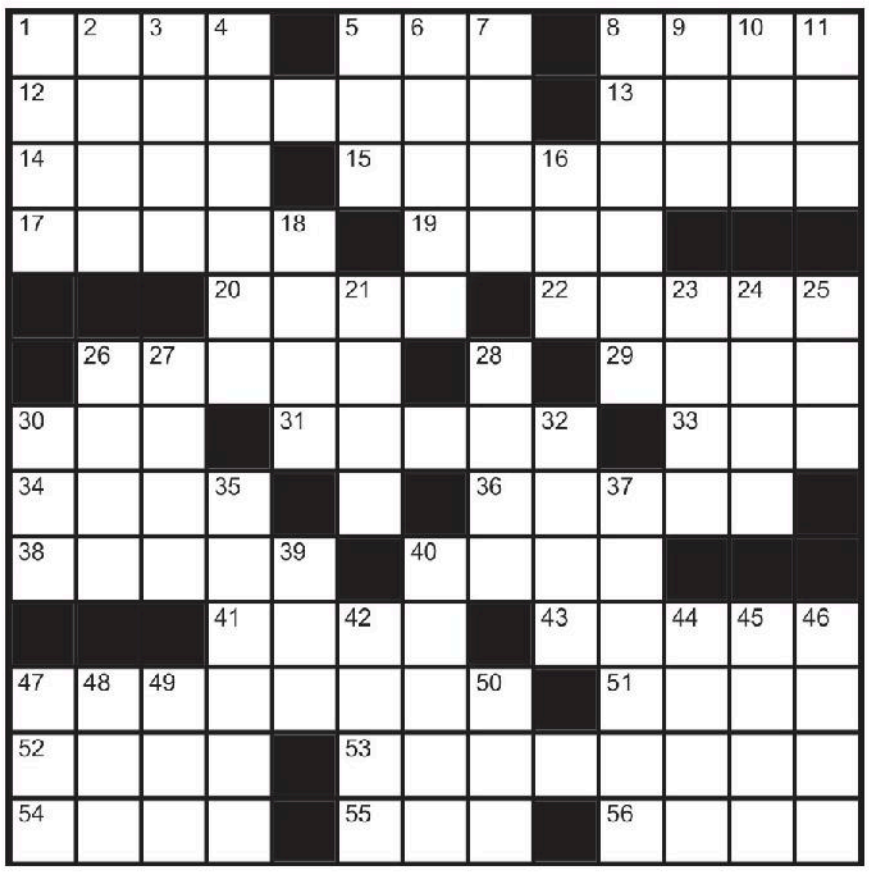
**DOWN**

1 A false biblical god
2 Indolently
3 That man from Bangkok?
4 Transgressor
5 ___ packed : very full?
6 Came up
7 Cause to wither or droop
8 Capital of Assam
9 LP successors
10 Martial arts great Bruce ___
11 Indicated Airspeed
16 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners
18 Sullen, morose
21 Murky fog
23 Genuine
24 Remain
25 Long fish
26 Golf's Ballesteros - "eves" anagram?
27 Avenged
28 Finds the sum of
30 Lower limb
32 Fit in; befit
35 Emphasises, repeats embarrassing facts, etc. (4,2)
37 Voice box
39 Distress call
40 In front
42 Musical instrument
44 Period of time
45 Long story
46 Third person pronoun
47 Royal Air Force, acronym
48 Equated Monthly Installment in short
49 Charged particle
50 Commonly used pesticide



## SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 9 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
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| 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 8 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 2 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| 1 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 4 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Q MGWQB ADCBH WGFZ MQED KSSGIQZCKB CJ MD KL**

**FMD CF BKZ ZK ADSKWD Q BGCFQBSD ZK ZMD PKLVT.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G**

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** Go to heaven for the climate and hell for the company.

## EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 4)

- **Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri:** Pratishtapane and Brahmakalashotsava related rituals, Mruttikadhivasa and Udakashanti, **Evening.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Maraleshwara Temple, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 5)

- **Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri:** Pratishtapane and Brahmakalashotsava related rituals, Vishnu Gayatri Mantra Homa, Mula Mantra Homa, Purusha Sukta Homa, Bimba Shuddhi, **Morning;** Chakraabja Mandala Puja, Ashlesha Bali, **Evening.**
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## NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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*Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)* - 4 Shows

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*Vanguard (E)* - 3 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Rajathantra (K)* | (S-1) | 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm |
| *Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)* | (S-1) | 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-2) | 11.10 am, 4.40 pm |
| | (S-4) | 1.45 pm |
| *Wonder Women - 1984 (E)* | (S-2) | 1.40 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10.45 am, 4.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Act 1978 (K)* | (S-2) | 7.15 pm |
| | (S-3) | 1.45 pm |
| | (S-4) | 4.15 pm |
| *Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)* | (S-3) | 7.30 pm, 9.55 pm |

### INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

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|---|---|---|
| *Wonder Women - 1984 (E)* | (S-2) | 11.30 am, 3.00 pm<br>6.30 pm, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-3) | 8.45 pm |
| *Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)* | (S-3) | 11.45 am, 2.35 pm<br>5.40 pm |
| | (S-4) | 9.15 pm |
| *Rajathantra (K)* | (S-4) | 12.00 noon, 6.05 pm |
| *Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)* | (S-4) | 3.10 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Rajatantra (K)* | (S-1) | 11.00 am |
| | (S-2) | 4.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 1.30 pm |
| *Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)* | (S-1) | 1.45 pm |
| | (S-2) | 11.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 4.15 pm |
| *Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi (H)* | (S-1) | 4.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 7.00 pm |
| *Wonder Woman 1984 (E)* | (S-3) | 10.30 am, 1.30 pm,<br>4.30 pm, 7.30 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

# SC East Bengal defeats Odisha to pick up first win of the season

ATKMB returns to summit after 2-0 victory against NorthEast United

*Anthony Pilkongton (SC East Bengal) heads the ball down during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against Odisha FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco, Goa, yesterday.*

Vasco/ Margao, Jan. 4- SC East Bengal registered their first-ever win in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 after a 3-1 victory over Odisha FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco, Goa, yesterday.

Anthony Pilkington netted his side's opener in the 12th minute and Jacques Maghoma doubled their advantage six minutes before the break. Super-sub Bright Enobakhare scored the Kolkata club's third two minutes before the end of normal time.

Odisha did pull one back after a goal-mouth scramble late in the game led to an own goal by Daniel Fox, who couldn't quite sort his feet out in time to avert the danger.

**Awards — Hero of the Match:** Anthony Pilkington (SC East Bengal); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Surchandra Singh (SC East Bengal).

In another match of the Hero ISL yesterday, ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) returned to the summit of the 2020-21 Hero ISL standings after a 2-0 victory against NorthEast United FC at Fatorda Stadium in Margao.

Roy Krishna opened the scoring in the 51st minute and Suhair Vadakkepeedika (Northeast United FC) put the ball into his own net soon after as the Mariners registered a comfortable win. Roy Krishna was adjudged Hero of the Match again after another inspiring performance that helped ATK Mohun Bagan to victory.

**Hero of the Match:** Roy Krishna (ATK Mohun Bagan); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Tiri (ATK Mohun Bagan).

*Glan Martins (ATKMB) in action during a Hero ISL match against NorthEast United FC at Fatorda Stadium in Margao last evening.*

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE — IMG RELIANCE STAR

**Today's Match (Jan. 4)**

CHENNAIYIN FC
Vs
HYDERABAD
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

**Tomorrow's Match (Jan. 5)**

BENGALURU FC
Vs
MUMBAI CITY
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

**Yesterday's Results**

EAST BENGAL - 3
beat
ODISHA - 1

ATK MOHUN BAGAN - 2
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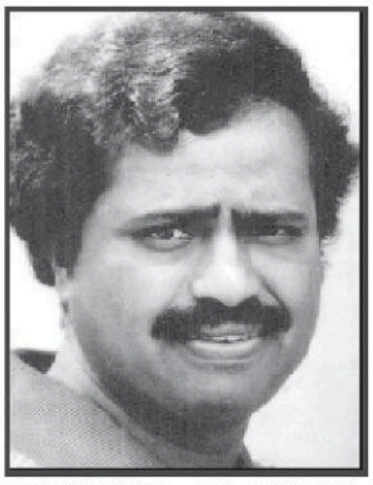

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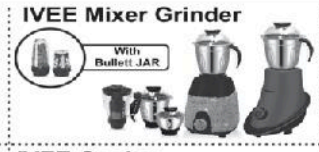

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